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SUBJECT: 6/7/2016 Letter re Former Williams AFB Site ST012, Liquid Fuels Storage Area

Dear Mr. Mook:

We are in receipt of, and thank you for, the above-referenced letter about the ST012 Site ("Site").

In particular, we thank you for expressing that the Air Force values the United States Environmental Protection Agency's and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's (collectively, the "Regulatory Agencies") evaluation of the Air Force's implementation of the Site remedy.

We also appreciate your acknowledgment that the Base Closure Team's working relationship appears to be deteriorating as a result of technical disagreement as to the most appropriate course of action at the Site. This dynamic was again apparent during the Base Closure Team's Monthly Regulatory Conference Call on June 22, 2016, which you and Ms. Herrera attended.

Since we concur that disagreements on the technically and legally appropriate course of remedial actions should be addressed through mutual dialogue with the Air Force and its contractors in the context of the Federal Facilities Agreement ("FFA"), up to and including Sections 11 and 12 (Emergencies and Removals, and Dispute, respectively), we would like to accept your offer to engage the Air Force management on the significant developments at this Site.

To that end, and given the critical steps the Air Force has taken and is taking to decommission the Steam Enhanced Extraction ("SEE") system and procure for and construct the Enhanced Bioremediation ("EBR") system, we request a meeting with you at the earliest possible moment.

In the meantime, we also request that the Air Force resume its data collection and liquid and vapor contamination extraction activities at the Site (with the goal of demonstrating hydraulic containment of the plume), but agree to halt all activities related to decommissioning the SEE system and procuring for and constructing the EBR system. As we have stated in writing, the